Maximum age for job-seekers

2472. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the maximum age presently allowed for job-seekers to remain on the rolls of employment exchanges all over the country;

(b) whether there is a demand to revise this age limit upwards;

(c) to what extent it helps keeping middle aged people on the rolls of employment exchanges;

(d) the details of the policy and consideration behind this principle of Government; and

(e) the steps proposed to create a new policy which would upgrade these people on the rolls frequently?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI SIS RAM OLA): (a) There is no maximum age limit for registration of job-seekers in the employment exchanges.

(b) No, Sir

(c) and (d) The consideration behind this policy is to provide an opportunity of employment assistance to registrants from all age groups.

(e) At present, there is no such proposal under consideration.

Expenditure on labour and labour welfare

2473 SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state·

(a) whether it is a fact that actual expenditure on labour and labour welfare (Labour & Employment) in the year 2002-03 is less than Rs. 78.55 crore in comparison to the year 2001-02; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI SIS RAM OLA)· (a) and (b) No, Sir. The expenditure incurred on welfare schemes for the workers and their families covered under various welfare funds like Beedi Workers Welfare Fund, iron ore, limestone and dolomite mine workers welfare funds etc. for the last three years has been as under:—

(Rs. in crores)

2001-02	2002-03	2003-04
70.35	81.80	98.98